

JANUARY MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

I hope you all had a happy holiday season and a safe and fulfilling beginning of the new year.

I have decided that we will continue to use the Centennial Tower for our meetings until it becomes necessary to change. We now have access to the auditorium at the Department of Military Affairs facility on Revere Street just East of the airport. At this time they are working on the parking lot at DMA so access would be a little difficult.

Membership

Membership is holding steady. We have lost a few but also gained a few. One of our major problems is renewal. National Headquarters is supposed to send out renewal notices, but we have had a few of our members either not receive the notices or just plain forgot. Those members that did not renew were left off of the January PA's.

OPS/ES

It looks like we may have our cadet O'Flight program back on line. We had a bad week with required qualifications being on, then off, then back on again. Douglas Cadet Squadron has been assigned to Group 3, which may decrease our O'Flight participation. It will be up to them, who they want to fly the cadets. No new word on receiving aircraft 24N which will be hangered at Buckley.

TRAINING

Thanks again to Captain Jim Smith who has planned an outstanding training program for the next few months. Many thought that we may have been a little aggressive during the planning, but Jim has carried through and we are moving ahead in producing Mission Scanners, Mission Observers, and Mission Pilots to increase our capabilities once SAR missions start. Captain Smith also conducted an AFIADL (ECI) -13 clinic on 22 January. He has also scheduled our first Mission Observer course for 19-20 February and a Mission Pilot course for 12-13 March.

2Lt Brandon Nadrash our communications officer has planned a Basic Communicator Training (BCUT) for 5 February. BCUT is an SQTR requirement for the Mission Observer training.

Col Cooksey is preparing to conduct a Level 1 Clinic next month. We have a few new members and some old members that need this training just to be able to participate in CAP activities.

When I became commander, one of my goals was to have a good training program for both mission and staff. I hadn't expected it to be this outstanding.

Professional Development

The Professional Development Officer, working with the Personnel Officer tracks progression in the Senior Member training program. Achieving a specific level of this training and entry into one or more of the specialty training tracks makes you eligible for promotion. If you are interested in what it takes for you to get promoted please contact me until we can fill the vacant PDO slot.

AEROSPACE EDUCATION

1Lt Juan Carlos Madeni our new Aerospace Education Officer is also planning an aggressive program.

PROMOTIONS

This months promotions: 2Lt Ronald Pearce to 1Lt. Let me know if you think you are eligible for promotion and I will check it out. Many of our pilots may be eligible for a higher grade if they have moved to Commercial Pilot of CFI. Also I have found that at least one of our members was an Officer of the Armed Forces. This category authorizes that they retain their military rank up to Lt Col.

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